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[] 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

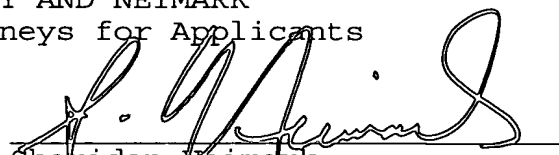
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